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Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers

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Responsive to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated March 29, 2002. The Notice stated that the application filed on September 26, 2001 was informal because the claims must commence on a separate sheet according to 37 CFR 1.75(h). Applicant has submitted herewith a copy of the claims beginning on a separate sheet. Applicant is filing this correction within the two-month timeframe given by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Notice. Applicant respectfully requests entry and examination of the application on the merits.

Applicant: Hammond Serial No.: 09/963,734

The undersigned invites the Examiner to call in the event any additional matters or issues need to be addressed during the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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